

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday October 14th 2021
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with Covid arrangements.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. A. Schofield, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Six members of the public attended.

98. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, Rev. B. Faulkner, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Tim Russell.

99. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 9th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

100. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared

101. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports & Remembrance Sunday

In the absence of Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, there were no RNAS issues raised.

The Clerk handed three copies of the response received from National Highways – formerly Highways England, to the Mead members present. This had been received by all members prior to the meeting. This stated that modelling had demonstrated a very complicated & finely balanced relationship between the A.303 road levels and the Environment Agency flood defences. National Highways are raising the importance to the E.A. of conveyance on the main channel of the river Yeo, to ensure that the river is kept in channel for as long as possible during large scale storm events to reduce overflow towards the Mead area.

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that the ditch in front of the Mead had now been trimmed back by the Internal Drainage Board. It was agreed to forward the Wessex Flood newsletter to Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill stated that he is raising the issue of the Flaps needing attention at the Mead.

Mr. R. Blake stated that the tree was still in the river Yeo at Northover. The Clerk informed the meeting that the E.A. have stated that it will be removed in mid October.

Mr. Blake highlighted that there are some potholes in Ilchester, which have not been marked for repair. This was noted.

The meeting noted the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee will be commemorated in June next year, with Miss Stapleton stating that there needs to be someone to take a lead on this for Ilchester.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, no County Council issues were reported.

In the absence of the three District Councillors, no SSDC issues were reported.

Mrs. Panter reported that Rev. Faulkner had sent an Email suggesting the arrangements for the Remembrance Service, to be held on Sunday November 14th. As the Covid numbers are increasing locally, the request was to ask that there should be a Service at the War memorial in St. Mary’s Church yard at 10.45am with a Parade moving off from West Street at 10.30am. No Service being held within St. Mary’s Church. After discussion, the Council agreed this course of action. It was agreed to contact Mr. A. Stephens reference the wreath for the Parish Council.

**102. Police & Community issues – St. Andrew’s Northover, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC
Surgery news & Church matters**

The Council noted the Police crime report.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating that there had been issues with the supply of ‘Flu’ jabs, and issues reference how the booking appointments system is operated – online or telephone are best.

It was noted that the link on the Parish Council’s website has been updated.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust, that the repairs to the Market Cross are now completed and there will be an official event to commemorate this.

Mr. Williams reported there is an issue regarding locking the Sports field area late at night.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA that there is to be a meeting shortly. A Lantern parade is proposed for December 3rd and on December 4th there will be a Christmas fair.

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103. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

Discussion took place on the offer from the Angling Club to transfer ownership of an area of land at Ivel Gardens to the Parish Council for a nominal sum. It was noted that the area is very overgrown & will need clearing. On the proposition of Mr. G. Bushell, seconded by Miss Stapleton, it was agreed on a vote of seven in favour, with one vote nem con, to accept the offer from the Angling Club.

On the proposition of Miss Stapleton, seconded by Mr. Marsh, it was agreed to accept a quotation of £580 received from S. Horne to clear the area once the transfer of ownership is agreed. It was agreed once the area has been cleared then a Health & Safety Risk assessment should be carried out. A quotation of £150 plus VAT from Atlas Safety Management had been received & was accepted. Once in the Council's ownership, the Council agreed that there were issues reference the way forward to be discussed, and Mr. Schofield stated that there needs to be a plan put in place.

104. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that she is in contact with Mr. N. Heath, Head Teacher of the Schools.

105. Planning matters

Mr. Marsh reported from a meeting held with the County Councillor to seek his advice on future planning within Ilchester. Apologies had been received from the three District Councillors.

Mr. Bloomfield had stated that any traffic issues, infra structure issues had no influence on planning decisions. The only really effective method is to carry out a poll of all residents to gauge their views on what is best for the Parish in reference to any future development. Mr. Bloomfield offered to draft a relevant question. Mr. Bloomfield had indicated that the Council ought to consider having a 'sinking fund' held within their finances for such events.

Mr. Marsh stated that 'Hainbury future development' needs to be a separate agenda item. This was agreed.

The Council noted the two reports received both from Vistry & Robert Rhys, agent.

Application 19/02668/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a calving yard & associated works – no decision

Application 19/02670/FUL at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a collecting and dispersal yard facility & associated works – no decision

Application 19/02669/FUL at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a milking parlour complex & associated works – no decision

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 21/01927/LBC at The Manor, Almshouse Lane to remove cement based wall render & replace with lime based render on the west facade and upper south east elevation at rear of house. To repair cracks to stone mullion windows in both west & north facades. Repairs to Ham stone elements on western facade, also to provisionally include replacement of two gable apex stones and adjacent copings to match. To extend the 'throw' of rainwater hoppers on west front to ensure water clears the facade.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 21/02364/HOU at rear of 11, High Street for construction of vehicle entrance onto land at the rear.

The Council noted that application 21/02431/HOU at 10, High Street for demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a single storey extension and part first floor extension above to rear of dwelling had been refused.

106. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 30/09/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £36,683.94p.

Receipts - £0.31p Bank interest

Payments made -

14/10/21	2553	£74.60	HMRC paye tax
14/10/21	2554	£1,600	L. Wright Construction pathwork
14/10/21	2555	£2,478	SLR Outdoor - half mowing
14/10/21	2556	£70	ITT room hire
14/10/21	2557	£556.70	P. Horsington salary & expenses
14/10/21	2558	£10	Thomas Mephram – skate park
14/10/21	2559	£400	S. Horne – clearing Pound area
14/10/21	2560	£750.28	SSDC play inspections – six months

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

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The Council discussed & agreed to purchase a new computer a Dell Inspiron 15 3000 Laptop for £431.30p plus VAT. The other laptop has been returned to Mr. C. Williams.

It was noted that the Laptop used by the Youth Parish Council is not up to standard, for use.

The Council discussed the issues raised by the County Councillor of the principle of raising more finance by precept, which will have to be discussed in detail by members. A Budget meeting will be held in due course. It was agreed to investigate costs involved with having use of a 'Lengthsman' to carry out works around the Parish, which are no longer carried out by SCC or District Council.

Mr. Scholfield reported that he had received a quotation of £591.23 plus VAT from SSDC Street Scene to paint all the skate ramps with anti graffiti paint. As there is an issue with graffiti, the Council agreed that this needed to be done and accepted the quotation.

107. Cemetery

The Council noted that T. W. Cribb & Co have still yet to send the photograph of the Bier.

Mr. Bushell and Mr. Litwinek reported on their list of works to be considered for improvements within the Cemetery, which had been circulated. The Council thanked Mr. Litwinek for removing the rubbish from the litter bin by the Chapel of Rest, which he had put out on the roadside in black bin liners, which had been collected on the following day.

It was agreed that two signs would be useful to indicate where to put certain items of waste.

The Council noted that Mrs. Panter & the Clerk had met with Mr. Goodland, of SLA Outdoor Maintenance, and it had been a useful meeting.

108. Highway matters

The Council noted that the report from SCC Transportation Officer, reference traffic issues within the Parish has yet to arrive.

Mr. Bushell reported that the VAS had been from September 10th to September 19th in the area of the Norseland Cheese factory and is now in Podimore. The data will be retrieved once the new Laptop has been bought. The next position will be in the Schools' area.

The Council noted that a damaged bollard at Northover had been repaired.

109. Flooding issues

The Council noted the Email received from National Highways (formerly Highways England).

110. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that Mr. Peter Morgan had won Best Kept allotment, with Mr. W. Bond being second & Mr. R. Blake third. Highly Commended were Mrs. H. Blackmore & Linda Worth.

Mr. Williams stated that the winners shield had been present and photos taken.

111. Mead Play area

Mr. Scofield reported that the pole on the Climbing equipment has been fixed by Creation Play Ltd. It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

112. Skate Park

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted. The Council noted that Thomas Mephram is now clearing the Skate park area.

113. Rights of Way

Mr. Litwinek stated that there were no issues to report.

114. Tree Matters

The Council noted the comments earlier reference the tree in the river Yeo at Northover.

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115. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

116. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mr. Litwinek highlighted that there is a parked vehicle and a trailer with no wheels at the end of West Street. This was noted.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that there is to be 'Carols on the Green' on either December 22nd or on December 23rd.

It was noted that the Newsletter will be available both on line and printed copy, each being published bi- monthly.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday November 11th 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9. 23pm.

Signed:

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